

## Entire Student Court resigns in protest

By Kim Hansen and Lori Safranek

UNO's five-member Student Court resigned at Thursday's Student Senate meeting.

Chief Justice Mike McKenna read a statement to the Senate explaining why the Court resigned.

McKenna and Justices Joseph S. Benkis, Mathew M. Enenback, Ahern G. Brown and Loren M. Peterson resigned.

A resolution before the Senate asked for a special committee to look into impeaching all members of the Court for malfeasance of office. The resolution said the Court had a conflict of interest in deciding the case of Timothy Chavez and the *Gateway* vs. Student Government and asked that the case be declared a mistrial. The April 2 case involved the constitutionality of Senate cuts to the *Gateway* budget.

"We were also informed by a member of the Oversight Committee that if we quietly resigned within the next 24 hours,

that the Impeachment Resolution would be removed and that all charges would be dropped without any further questions," McKenna said, reading from a prepared statement.

After members of the Court walked out of the meeting, Sen. Jonathon Witherspoon said the Court's resignation statement contained "untruths."

Witherspoon denied the Court's allegation that a member of the Oversight Committee contacted Court members about resigning.

"It was not that way," said Witherspoon, a member of the Oversight Committee. "I had nothing to do with it and I just don't care."

The resolution was submitted to the Senate by the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee's actions were in response to grievances filed by Counsel for the Defense Andria Palmesano and Sen. Mike Kennedy.

The Court's resignation statement alluded to the *Gateway*/

Student Government case.

"We were also informed that despite the fact that two of the three members of the Special Committee that would try our impeachment case were named as defendants in the *Gateway* case, including Speaker Palmesano who originally filed the grievances against us, that this would not constitute a conflict of interest on their part," McKenna said.

Andria Palmesano, also Student Senate Speaker, said in a later interview, "I don't see a conflict of interest."

Palmesano said she did not file the grievance as speaker of the Senate, but as counsel for the defense, which was the title given her by the Court.

"I don't want any question of my neutrality to come up," Palmesano said.

The grievances were filed because she wanted to make sure

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## Expo '92 fit for life

By Lori Safranek

Reading, writing and 'rithmetic may be the traditional idea of school, but Education Expo '92 will focus on physical fitness.

This year's event, "Celebrate Fitness for Life," will focus on physical education and fitness programs, said Barry Anderson, University Television's marketing manager. University Television is the managing member of the Knowledge Network of Greater Omaha, which is co-sponsoring the event with Cox Cable.

The Knowledge Network is a consortium of schools, colleges and universities combining resources to provide educational television on channels 16, 17, 18 and 19 on Cox Cable.

"This is kind of a way for UNO and the athletic and physical education departments (of other schools) to show a wide range of activities, not just team sports," Anderson said.

The event will include activities such as volleyball, fencing, swimming, juggling, croquet, yoga, weight lifting, archery and other sports, Anderson said. Demonstrations and lessons in square dancing, fencing and martial arts also will be offered.

Tests for strength, lung power and body fat content also will be available, Anderson said, as well as information on nutrition and safety.

The Omaha Children's Museum will sponsor activities for children, and senior citizens also will be able to participate, he said.

"It's designated basically for a whole family to come," he said.

Anderson said past Education Expos were held at Ak-Sar-Ben and each drew about 5,000 participants. He said the event's first year at UNO has "the potential to be even bigger."

All events are free and open to the public.



Disc Jockey Don Glaze of WOW radio spins the hits at the First Annual Celebrity/Alumni Rock-a-thon last Tuesday.

—Ed Carlson

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## Week promotes greek unity

By Chad Sherets

UNO's Greek Week, Monday through Friday, will combine community service and fun to bring attention to fraternities and sororities on campus.

Tara Knudson, advisor of the Greek Week committee, said the event has a two-fold purpose.

"First of all, it's a time for sororities and fraternities to come together to celebrate the unity of the greek system — a time for them to remember that they all share common goals and objectives within their fraternal organizations," she said.

"I think that the other goal of Greek Week is to come together to show the campus community and the community at large the positive aspects of greek life," she said.

Greek Week will include daily events, said Debbie Osborn, co-chairperson of Greek Week.

Volunteers from the fraternities and sororities will be collecting old toys and books Monday and Tuesday for use in the UNO

Child Care Center. Donations can be made at the Octagon in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Osborn said.

"We wanted to do something to help out the campus, so we picked the day care center," she said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity sponsors the Red Cross Bloodmobile on campus Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, on Wednesday at 1 p.m. greeks will be constructing a playhouse for the UNO Child Care Center.

Osborn said Student Government has allocated funds for teeter-totters and tricycles for the center, as well.

On Thursday at 11 a.m., the Theta Chi fraternity Olympics will be held in the grassy area next to Lot L. This competitive event full of unusual activities will include games ranging from amoeba races to Jello-sticking. Amoeba races involve members of fraternities or sororities making an amoeba-like form by holding on to a rope and running a race.

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# LETTERS/OPINIONS

## Dear Editor:

Court apologizes for looking misleading

Dear Editor:

While attending the Student Senate meeting last Thursday, three of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents were present. We find it shameful that the regents thought the former Student Court and the spectators were there for anything other than the issue of the announcement of the resignation of the entire Student Court.

Shameful because the regents mentioned at least twice how great it was to see all the people who showed up for the meeting, when normally attendance at such a meeting is almost nonexistent.

The former justices would simply like to take the opportunity to apologize to the regents for presenting such a false appearance as to the student interest, participation and support in the concerns of the Student Senate as it addresses virtually nonexistent issues for a body which is supposed to represent the students.

*Alern Brown  
Mathew Enenbach  
Loreh M. Peterson  
Former Justices of the Student Court*

Call for help from South Carolina

Dear Editor:

I am a student in fourth grade at Forest Lake Elementary School in Columbia, S.C.

My class is studying your state. We would like for the students in your college to send us some material about your area.

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Thank you very much.

Myra Hicks

*Editor's Note: If you would like to send information to Myra and her classmates, please write to:*

*Myra Hicks c/o Forest Lake Elementary School, 6801 Brookfield Road, Columbia, S.C. 29206.*

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Due to circumstances beyond our control, the *Gateway* will be unable to continue the series on World Religions as was stated in Tuesday's issue of the paper.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

No more checks and balances

## Is this a democracy?

The pillars of democracy collapsed Thursday night at the Student Senate meeting.

When the Student Court resigned en masse in front of the Student Senate, an important part of the checks and balances system was dismantled.

The five members of the Student Court resigned because of a forthcoming resolution that would start the proceedings to impeach them from office.

The Court hinted that its ruling against

to hear from the Court since it would not have changed their vote, did the Oversight Committee in fact decide before the hearing how they were going to vote?

The actions of the Student Senate are supposedly a microcosm of what happens out there in the "real world" of the U.S. government and therefore it follows that the rules governing the Student Senate should reflect the Constitution of the United States.

Since the Constitution guarantees our right to defend ourselves against charges made against us, the actions of the Oversight Committee show a blatant disregard for the rules.

When the Court members are not allowed the protection of the Constitution, how do we know any of us will be afforded that protection?

Court members said a member of the Oversight Committee contacted them and told them if they "quietly resigned within the next 24 hours, the impeachment resolution would be removed and all charges would be dropped without further questions."

Yet without the Court naming any names, Sen. Jonathan Witherspoon a member of the Oversight Committee was very quick to deny having any involvement in such an activity.

Hmmm ...

The five members of the Court, Chief Justice Michael McKenna and Justices Joseph S. Benkins, Mathew M. Enenbach, Ahern G. Brown and Loren M. Peterson, presumably were appointed to the Student Court by the Student Senate because they were known to be fair and upstanding individuals.

## STAFF EDITORIAL STUDENT COURT

Student Government in a recent court case involving the *Gateway* funding issue was causing the problem.

The Court was not informed of the grievances filed against it to the Oversight Committee by Student Government co-defendant, Andria Palmesano — yet the Oversight Committee was able to determine the Court should be brought up for impeachment *without ever talking to the Court*.

Student Court members said they were never allowed the chance to defend themselves against the allegations made against them.

In their statement to the Senate, Court members said they were told by Oversight Committee members "that they didn't need to hear from us. Even if we had spoken to them, it would not have swayed their vote."

If the Oversight Committee did not need

fact that it was a man who stole my spot and he knew he was stealing it!?

Sexual harassment is rampant in Omaha. After an article appeared in the *Omaha World-Herald* where I told my story of mild sexual harassment at work, I was flooded with phone calls. "Where does one get a good lawyer?" "How do you make the charges stick?" It's a "he said, she said" dilemma and I'd like to meet any woman who has won a case in this town.

But how do we ever get around the sexism issue when women do not have the simple right

to self-determination by controlling her own life when she is faced with an unwanted pregnancy?

When are the men going to get over this defensive posturing and join the bandwagon? You guys can fight for your own birth control. Why do women have to do it for you? Good grief, we do just about everything else.

Powerful special interest groups are hard at work in this town to make abortion illegal. Roe vs. Wade will be overturned this summer. It will be up to the states to say what is right.

Nebraska has already succeeded in telling girls 17 and younger that they are capable of deciding to have a baby without telling anyone, but to terminate that pregnancy without parental notification is against the law. The anti-choice groups almost succeeded with a 24-hour mandatory delay in obtaining an abortion for all women, as if one day is going to change anyone's mind. How do they get away with believing women can't think for themselves?

But for those of you who are sitting on the fence of the abortion issue, the right for a woman's privacy and the right for her own self-determination are basic to equality. I know all of you believe in equality. This is still America, isn't it?

## TO THE LEFT WITH TARA MUIR

know it's a big world out there, and not all towns are as "liberal" as Omaha.

Why am I declaring this as if none of you knew it already? I feel there is no significant voice in Omaha for women's issues. There are some wonderful women in some mighty high places, but can we stop and look around us for a moment? What gender are the overwhelming majority of bank tellers, retail sales help and wait people in this town? Next time, notice. They're women.

Do we have family leave at significant numbers of businesses? Do we have flex time for working mothers? And what about child care? A recent article in the *Omaha World-Herald* stated some people were planning their pregnancies around the openings at the best child care facilities, of which there are only a few.

Where does sexism stop? It is alive and well in the letters to the editor at the *Gateway*. Even personal letters to me talk about "my" sexism. Josephina Rookstool (Josephina?) wrote me a letter referring to my innocent column last week about Darth Vader and AY214. Could I help the

## Senator responds to column

I thought it took intelligence to be a columnist at the *Gateway*, but after reading Pat Runge's column on April 17 — I guess not.

Pat, you're so quick to criticize something you have no clue about. You chastise this Student Senate for not spending the money we have to build bus shelters. Why should we spend the students' money on something the administration promised the Senate they would pay for and build this summer?

This Senate has saved the students \$10,000.

If you were a senator, Pat, you would have cost the students a lot of money.

This Senate has accomplished much this year. This fall you will see Macintoshes in the typing center, and the Senate is also buying furniture for the student agencies.

This Senate has stood up for the rights of freshmen parking on campus, while those on the Parking Advisory Committee would like to see freshmen park at Aksar-Ben.

In your column you said we should do something worthwhile such as the Child Care Center. Maybe if you took the time to ask the Senate, you would know we are in the process of buying it new toys and playground equipment.

And, finally, this Senate has been lob-

bying hard for dorms at UNO. We invited the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to our meeting last Thursday, at which we told them our concerns and our desire for on-campus housing.

Pat, maybe if you would take the time to visit the Senate office and talk to us about what we are doing for you and the student body, I could have saved you from looking like a complete fool.

Don't use your column and waste the students' newspaper with your unfounded personal attacks; they serve no one's interest.

I would suggest if you have a problem with this Senate or particular senators, stop by and see us in Room 134 of the Student Center or call us at 554-2620 — we would love to hear your input or other students'.

After all, we work for you.  
*Michael Kennedy*  
Student Senator

*Editor's Note:* Student Sen. Michael Kennedy is responding to an personal column written by Patrick Runge in the April 17 *Gateway*.

The *Gateway*, in the issue of fairness, notified the Student Senate of the content of the column in order to allow them time to write a rebuttal.

— without a system of checks and balances, without a judicial body, without regard for the Constitution.

The walls of communism have fallen in Europe. Are the walls of democracy at UNO falling, too?

## Sexism rampant

During the past year at the *Gateway*, I have been troubled with the stand I have taken on certain issues. Not because it is fashionable to publicly bash my character instead of my argument, but because my major is journalism.

Journalists are supposed to be unbiased. However, journalists are people and always will be biased whether they are big enough to admit it or not. In my case, to remain silent on issues so fundamental to my own gender's dignity would be selling out. Therefore, I may never work in this town as a journalist, but I

## Open your mind

There they were, standing outside a north Omaha record store braving a blustery, overcast mid-April day.

Hundreds of new music aficionados, community leaders, news crews, the mildly curious and the cops — all standing in line and milling about, all waiting just to hear him speak.

But three hours after his scheduled appearance time, the call came and the news was announced to the crowd: the show was off.

Luther "Luke" Campbell, the pornographic prophet and the front man for the controversial 2 Live Crew, had cancelled his Omaha press conference previously arranged to defend the group's latest release.

His plane never even made it to Eppley, instead, it was turned around midway to Omaha. Campbell apparently had been scared off by a death threat received on his in-flight phone.

The speech was scheduled in the wake of an Omahans' For Decency sting operation that targeted and busted area record stores for selling the group's latest labeled LP, "Sports Weekend," to minors.

Assuming the threat was real, this is a prime example of how a good cause can be blown off target by bad aim.

Although few people will argue that songs about having anal sex with a corpse and raping a woman with a flashlight really serve any positive function, the truth is, we're all going to have to live with these nasty by-products of the First Amendment to keep our freedoms alive.

And another sad-but-true fact of freedom is as long as producing this crap is legal, people are going to continue to use it to make a very comfortable living for themselves.

But closed-minded groups like Omahans for Decency feel it's their responsibility to take parenting away from the parents. So in Hitler-

Stalinist fashion, they employ censorship to build a make-believe world and to shield our precious, sensitive youth from reality's evils.

In addition to their record-store stings, these groups have boycotted and blocked entrance to convenience stores that sell adult magazines, and demanded that certain books be removed from public libraries and bookstores because they contain possibly offensive material.

In short, they've done everything they can to ensure that other people's children, who aren't even remotely their responsibility, are raised

## TO THE RIGHT WITH KENT WALTON

with blinders on.

Over the last few years we've seen countries fighting civil wars and staging revolutions to enjoy the freedoms that we have. But, at the same time, we have seen groups like Omahans for Decency trying to deprive us of those rights.

So instead of using censorship to go after artists, merchants, record companies and publishers who are going to make a profit on this stuff as long as it is legal, they should leave the raising of our children up to the one group of citizens who know their kids better than anyone else — the parents.

It's the parents' job, not that of some uptight group of idealists who feel they have to save us from ourselves, to raise their child.

By sweeping away the negative by-products of a free society, future generations will only be raised with blinders on, and the resulting problems such as rape, abuse of women and racism will still exist.

It's too bad Campbell didn't get a chance to speak. Maybe he could have let a little sunshine into some closed minds in Omaha.

# NEWS CLIPS

## Cheerleader will hold tryouts April 26

The UNO Cheerleader will hold tryouts for the 1992-93 school year on April 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the gymnastics lab of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) Building.

Mandatory practice sessions will be held

## IN THE AREA ...

April 23 in the gymnastics lab and April 24 in Room 230 of the HPER Building.

The first session runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The second session lasts from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All students, male and female, are eligible to try out. Contact JoAnn Goodhew in the athletic department at 554-2533 for an application or more information.

## Sigma Phi Epsilon sponsors blood drive

Sigma Phi Epsilon will sponsor a bloodmobile Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; student volunteers will be running the event.

## Reception for Blanke

A retirement reception will honor Rich

Blanke from the counseling department of the College of Education.

The reception will be April 29 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Student Center Dining Rooms A and B.

## Computer exhibit to be held at St. Mary's

The Omaha Users' Association will present the Omaha Computer Faire and Swap Meet April 25 from noon to 6 p.m.

The event will be at the College of Saint Mary in the Student Center.

The Faire will feature exhibits and demonstrations from members of Omaha's micro-computer-user community.

Operators of hobbyist-oriented on-line sys-

tems in the area will present "Information at Your Fingertips."

There is no charge to attend.

For more information, call 402-592-0076 after 6 p.m. or write P.O. Box 176, Crescent, IA 51526-0176.

## Faculty meeting to provide updates

The UNO general faculty meeting will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Eppley Auditorium.

The meeting will provide updates on the Faculty Senate, the search for a dean of the College of Business Administration, capital projects and requests, and the University of Nebraska Foundation Capital campaign.

## St. John's student sentenced

NEW YORK (CPS) — The last of six St. John's University students charged in the sexual assault of a female student has been sentenced to three years probation, community service and a drug counseling program.

The guilty plea entered by Michael Calandrillo, 23, was a surprise to those following the case because three of the suspects were acquitted last summer.

Calandrillo admitted he gave the woman three drinks with vodka in them and forced her to perform oral sex. He pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charges of sexual misconduct and unlawful imprisonment.

## UNM gains infamous student

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (CPS) — Six months after he was acquitted of rape charges, William Kennedy Smith will begin his medical residency at the University of New Mexico.

The university has announced that Smith would join 19 other incoming first-year internal medicine residents in June. He had been one of 20 invited to join the program last June.

Smith, 31, nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., was acquitted last December in West Palm Beach, Fla., of charges he raped a woman at the Kennedy estate.

## Sexual harassment charged

LOS ANGELES (CPS) — A sexual harassment complaint was filed against the women's soccer coach at Occidental College, but the school will not investigate the allegations because the coach was dismissed the following day.

The complaint was filed by sophomore Lindsey Collins, who alleged that Coach Cherie Zein used vulgar language. Zein was fired the day after the complaint was filed.

Lynn Mehl, director of athletics at the school, said Zein was not fired because of the sexual harassment allegations, but for "a whole lot of reasons."

"Mr. Zein had a contract that expired with us, but we have no plans to review it," said Floyd Lawrence, director of personnel at Occidental.

Zein, who has maintained his innocence, told the *Occidental*, the campus newspaper, that Mehl fired him, citing several NCAA violations arising from a soccer camp in Costa Rica that he owns.

## Chavez to teach course

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (CPS) — National labor

leader Cesar Chavez has agreed to teach a Chicano studies course during spring quarter at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Chavez made the plight of migrant farm workers national news by organizing consumer boycotts of fruits and vegetables and publicizing the dangers of pesticides.

He has accepted a one-time-only position to teach a class on the history of the United Farm Workers, the labor union he

## ... AND AROUND THE NATION

founded, reported *The Daily Nexus*, the student newspaper.

University officials said Chavez's presence on campus presented a unique opportunity.

"It is unprecedented. I think we're very lucky because it isn't often you get a celebrity teaching a course," said Yolanda Broyles-Gonzales, who heads the Chicano Studies Department.

Broyles-Gonzales said she believes Chavez chose to teach at the Santa Barbara campus because the Chicano Studies Department was the first of its kind established in the nation.

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Student Government was represented, she said. McKenna said Palmesano had every opportunity to object to being designated "counsel for the defense," between notification of the case and the actual hearing date.

"Non-action assumes complicity," McKenna said.

"We consider this a personal attack against the most popular branch of government. It was an attempt to squash five very popular political careers," McKenna said. "It's obvious the Student Senate doesn't like any checks on its power."

A new court will be selected and approved by the Senate at its May 14 meeting, Palmesano said.

In other Senate action, the Senate voted unanimously to approve new election rules.

The biggest change in the election rules concerns the number of candidates a student could vote for.

Previously, students each had one vote to cast for their college and class seats, regardless of how many seats were open, Palmesano said.

Now students may vote for all available seats in their college and class.

"You can vote for as many seats (that) are open," Palmesano said.

The Senate also passed a new smoking policy resolution.

A resolution recommending the TV lounge in the Student Center be designated as a non-smoking area was passed 17-0-2-0.

"I think smoking should be banned in every

public place in the world," Sen. Matt Arnold said, but that he thought the Senate should look at both the advantages and disadvantages of the recommendation.

Several senators voiced objections to the resolution saying it was "unfair" to not have a place for smokers to smoke.

In open forum, three University of Nebraska Board of Regent members answered questions posed by the Senate and members of the audience.

UNO dorms and transfer of credits between University campuses were the two main topics discussed.

"We have the right to have dormitories here," said Regent Rosemary Skrupa. "The financing is going to be a problem."

In order to make funding for dorms at UNO available, Regent Charles Wilson said students may have to deal with more closed class sections.

"I do believe UNO needs dorms," Regent Nancy O'Brien said. Dorms would bring opportunity to UNO for students who wish to live here, she said.

Before the end of 1992, O'Brien said, the dorm issue will be on the Regents' agenda.

Sen. Mark Rabick said he recently had the opportunity for career advancement in Lincoln and considered transferring, but decided against it because 15 of his credits wouldn't transfer.

"Repeating classes is an unnecessary waste," O'Brien said. The ultimate goal is that



—Ed Carlson

### 'Oh! That's mine?'

Lisa Pozzi gives her son D.J. a hand in an Easter egg hunt at Rosenblatt Stadium on Sunday. The event was co-sponsored by Rosenblatt, McDonald's and KPTM Fox 42.

"100 percent" of all classes would transfer, she said.

Wilson said students should know ahead of time whether their credits are transferable.

Several new senators were appointed at the meeting. David Richlau will fill the continuing education seat, Adam Kline fills the vacant

freshman seat and Kevin Nelson will fill the engineering seat. Abdul Reza was appointed director of International Student Services.

The Senate adjourned at 10:30 p.m. with more than half the agenda yet to be heard. The Senate will continue its meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Dodge Room.



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## Be prepared; hay fever season is year-round

By Amy Bull

Sniffles, sneezes, watery eyes, running nose, itching of the throat and persistent "colds" are some of the symptoms of hay fever. If you are suffering from these symptoms during hay fever season, you are not alone.

According to Dr. Linda Ford of the Allergy and Immunology Department at Midlands Medical Center, more than 24 million Americans have hay fever symptoms each year.

Hay fever is the name given to pollen allergy. Sensitivity to pollen is developed after exposure to the substance.

According to an American Lung Association (ALA) publication, "sensitivity" is the term used to describe the process by which a person develops an allergy. The tissues that form antibodies (lymphoid tissues) are stimulated to make specialized antibodies to otherwise harmless pollens and spores. These antibodies then fix to other specialized cells in the body which contain powerful defensive substances such as histamine.

When the person is exposed to pollen, the antibodies trigger the cells to secrete the defensive substances. These defensive substances cause the dilation of blood vessels, swelling of tissues, increased secretion of fluids, sneezing, itching and other hay fever symptoms.

"It might sound confusing, especially to those who don't have hay fever," Ford said.

During the seasons when plants are pollinating, according to the ALA, everyone in the surrounding area is exposed. People who have the allergic tendency may develop sensitivity to one or more of the pollens.

"Hay fever is genetic," Ford said, "but some people develop a sensitivity and others do not."

"Patients who suffer from hay fever do so at different degrees. The symptoms range from mild to severe," she said.

According to the ALA, hay fever season is at different times of the year for different people. This difference is due partially to trees, grasses and weeds producing pollens during different seasons.

"The best way to control hay fever is to see a doctor. He or she will be able to prescribe medication to help relieve the symptoms," Ford said.

"Many people make the mistake of trying to treat themselves by using over-the-counter drugs which may not be effective for that individual," she said.

Some treatments of hay fever include antihistamines (drugs that counteract the histamine released by the allergen-antibody



—Ed Carlson

Something is in the air ... and it isn't love. Plant pollens and spores can cause hay fever in people prone to allergies.

reaction), nose sprays, certain hormones prescribed by doctors in extreme cases and specific desensitizing injections.

"Each person needs to see a doctor to determine which drug or combination of drugs will be most effective for that person," Ford added.

Some helpful hints for hay fever sufferers from the "Asthma & Allergy Advocate" newsletter:

- Keep windows closed at night; use air conditioning which cleans, cools, and dries the air.
- Minimize early-morning activity, when pollen is usually emitted (between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m.).
- Keep your windows closed when you travel by car.
- Stay indoors as much as possible when the pollen count is

high, humidity is high or on windy days when dust and pollen are stirred up.

- Take the medications prescribed by your allergist.
- Don't hang sheets or clothing out to dry, as pollens and molds may collect on these items.
- Don't grow too many indoor plants; wet dirt causes mold to form.

"Some people actually move to different areas of the country, which may not be an effective treatment," Ford said. "A person can develop new allergies to plants at their new home."

"Whatever symptoms you might have, it's best to see a doctor who can prescribe the right medication," Ford said. "Nothing will get rid of the hay fever, but the symptoms can be controlled."

### More than 12 million Americans affected

## Medicine helps asthmatics breathe easier

By Amy Bull

The Greek word asthma means "panting." According to Dr. Linda Ford of the Allergy and Immunology Department at Midlands Medical Center, 12 to 15 million Americans are asthmatic.

"People who are asthmatic have trouble breathing because airways become narrower," she said.

In the pamphlet "A Guide to Living Well With Asthma," breathing becomes more difficult because:

- The muscles in the walls of the airways tighten, partially closing the airways.
- The lining of the airways becomes inflamed and swollen, further restricting air flow.
- Too much mucus is produced in the airways, clogging them and making it even harder for air to get through.

"How often asthma attacks occur and how severe they are depends on the person," Ford said. Although severe cases are rare, if asthma attacks are not treated, death can occur, she said.

"Asthma can be treated. Asthma is a reversible airway disease. People are not recognizing or underestimating the symptoms," Ford said.

According to the American Lung Association (ALA), some symptoms of asthma include: coughing, tightness of chest, wheezing sounds and fatigue.

"It feels like they can't get breath in, but actually they can't get it out," Ford said.

Asthma is mostly hereditary, she said. "It runs in families. Some people get it when

is unknown because some children may be symptomless or it may be masked as other disabilities.

"About twice as many boys as girls have asthma, but after adolescence it evens out," Ford said.

Asthma is probably more of a problem for poor people who aren't able to see the doctor as

• Infection — Colds, flus, bronchitis and other respiratory infections can cause asthma or make it worse.

• Fatigue — Many times fatigue is a result of an asthma attack, but it also may contribute to the problem.

• Hormone changes — An asthma attack may be triggered when there is a change in the body chemical balance, such as during puberty, before menstruation and during pregnancy.

• Irritants in the air — Cigarette smoke, hair spray, perfume and gasoline fumes are some pollutants that may irritate sensitive airways.

• Cold, dry air and changes in the weather — The cold, dry air may trigger an asthma attack, especially for those who exercise outdoors. Excess heat and dry air also may trigger asthma.

• Exercise — The attack may be caused by a high-energy activity like running or aerobics, or can be caused by a simple activity such as climbing a flight of stairs.

There is no reason for a person with asthma to avoid exercise, according to the ALA, because attacks usually can be prevented by taking the proper medication before the exercise.

"As long as people with asthma see a doctor and take their medication as prescribed, they can live a normal life," Ford said.

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—Linda Ford, Midlands Medical Center

they're younger, some when they're older," she said. "We don't know why people get it when they do."

Almost 80 percent of asthmatics have the onset before age 40, Ford said.

According to the ALA, asthma is considered the most common serious lung disease of childhood. The exact number of asthmatic children

often and can't change their environment as easy, she said.

According to the pamphlet, some "triggers" of asthma attacks include:

- Allergy — An asthmatic person may be sensitive to pollen, dust, mold spores, feathers and more. Sometimes medications or certain foods may be a trigger.

# Pulse

## UNMC Calendar

All events take place at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

### April 21

- 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Greater Omaha Chapter of Impotents Anonymous. Title to be announced, Rodney Taylor, M.D., surgery; University Hospital, Room 5412.

### April 22

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Pediatric Research Seminar. "Genetic Aspects of Asthma and Allergy." Russ Hopp, D.O., pediatrics; Pounter Hall, Room 6003.

### April 24

- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Teleconference Network. "Anemias," James Newland, M.D., pathology/microbiology; Center for Continuing Education, teleconference studio. For more information, call ext. 4152.

## Food program receives grant

By Christine Johnson

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) has received a grant of more than \$2 million from the Nebraska Department of Health.

The Omaha WIC program is under the direction of Betty Connor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's department of obstetrics/gynecology.

This is the largest grant received by a researcher at the University of Nebraska Medical Center this year. WIC has received the grant for the last 16 years.

Each fiscal year, Congress gives money to the United States Department of Agriculture, which then determines the allotment of funds to each state. In Nebraska, the money goes to the Department of Health and it decides the best way to divide the money. It does this by reviewing applications, Connor said.

Eighty percent of the grant money will be used for food and 20 percent will be used for administration, Connor said.

The WIC program started in 1972, when the late Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. Clifford Case introduced a "nutrition intervention program for pregnant, postpartum, and breast-feeding women and for infants and children," a WIC pamphlet said.

The WIC program has four basic goals: to provide nutrition and health education, to encourage breast-feeding, to provide supplemental free food and to promote regular health care through referrals.

In Nebraska, about 28,000 people are involved with the WIC program. Connor said 5,300 are being helped at the Omaha clinic, which is the largest of the 14 statewide agencies.

Certain criteria must be met in order to be eligible for the WIC program. Only pregnant women, postpartum women up to six months, breast-feeding women up to 12 months and an infant or child up to five years are eligible. Family income has to be less than 185 percent of current poverty guidelines and they must be at some health risk.

The women receive checks made out to a store which has been contracted by WIC. The check will show which foods and the amount of each they are allowed to buy, she said.

WIC also provides education through pamphlets, reading materials, one-on-one counseling and group presentations.

"Many of the people who come are really receptive to what we say," Connor said. "One dollar in WIC saves three dollars in hospital costs later."

There are 17 fully accredited employees at the main clinic, located in the Center Mall at 42nd and Center Streets. Included are registered dieticians and nurses, Connor said.

Although the main clinic is in Omaha, there is a satellite clinic in Papillion. Some of the staff is at the Papillion clinic three days a month. WIC also has applied for a clinic in Bellevue. If accepted, she said, it should open in June.

"We are trying to help as many people as possible," Connor said. "If you or your friend need help, give us a call."

The WIC phone number is 1-800-WIC-1171.



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## From Greek, page 1

At noon, a faculty/staff tug-of-war and volleyball will allow faculty to interact with the Greeks, Osborn said. The tug-of-war is sponsored by the Greek Week committee.

The Greek Week committee and the Student Programming Organization will co-sponsor a lip sync contest at 11 a.m. Friday in the Student Center Ballroom. Chicago comedian Diane Alaimo will emcee the contest, and prizes will be awarded to the winners. The contest is open to all students, Knudson said.

The Greek Week awards banquet rewards and recognizes the different Greek organizations for their accomplishments.

Knudson said awards will be given out for academic achievement, highest grade point average and for the most outstanding members. She said the two most-esteemed awards are the philanthropy award for the chapter

that does the most community service, and the Chancellor's Award for the chapter that has outstanding achievement in all areas, including scholarship, leadership, service, campus relations and community relations.

The Greek Spirit award, new this year, will be given to the chapter with the best participation in Greek Week, Knudson said.

Eric Raasch, a Theta Chi area counselor, will be the guest speaker at the banquet.

Knudson said, contrary to common beliefs, Greek Week is not solely for fraternities and sororities.

"One of the things we try to do during Greek Week is outreach to the community, to do service, to incorporate some people that are not Greek ... so they can increase their awareness of the Greek system," Knudson said.

## More Harvard grads serve as law clerks

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (CPS) — The number of Harvard Law School graduates serving as legal clerks to judges has increased by 50 percent from 1982.

Currently, 157 graduates are clerking at the state and federal levels in 32 states, and

12 are Supreme Court clerks.

In addition, 61 Harvard alumni are clerks at the U.S. Courts of Appeal, 66 at the U.S. District Courts, 15 at state supreme courts, two at lower state courts and one at other federal courts.

## From KBLZ, page 1

ness and it's tied in with the bigger business of pop music," Doomey said.

"There's gotta be some outlet for people who aren't trying to make money," he said, referring to college radio.

Glaze played a straight hour of country music and finished up by trying to start a sing-a-long to "Friends in Low Places" by country artist Garth Brooks.

Rockett and his morning partner, Adams, took the board next. Rockett played a heavy mix of blues and soul, while Adams favored more recent alternative artists. Both were involved in college radio; Rockett at Memphis (Tenn.) State and Adams at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Rockett said he couldn't believe how college radio had stayed the same since he had been on the air.

Adams agreed, saying, "Only the songs have changed."

Alumni Stibbs and Ramsey took a turn at the board and gave away passes to the new movie "City of Joy." Stibbs, who works behind the scenes at KQKQ, and Ramsey, who has done stints on the air at KEZO and KKU, attended UNO in the early '80s.

Ramsey said he landed his first radio job based on his experience gained at UNO's stu-

dent station.

"When I started in Kearney, the only (experience) I had was from here," Ramsey said. "They liked my voice quality and wanted to give me a shot."

While Ramsey was attending UNO, the student station was known as KMAV and WNO. College radio at that time was focusing on new bands such as The Talking Heads and The B-52's, he said. Such bands are now classified as more mainstream than college.

"It was good experience," Ramsey said of his college radio days.

Rhodes was the next DJ to take control, and played a mix of newer alternative metal. He left UNO in 1988, and KBLZ still uses the record dividers he made while he was here.

Jaxon was the final DJ of the day, and played a mix of current dance and alternative music. Jaxon co-hosts the Jeff and John Morning Show at KXKT.

KBLZ promotions director Robyn Nieman, who organized the event, said the Rock-a-Thon was a chance for the KBLZ staff and anyone who dropped by to meet the people they hear on the radio.

"We knew we had talented alumni, and we wanted to prove it to the university," Nieman said.

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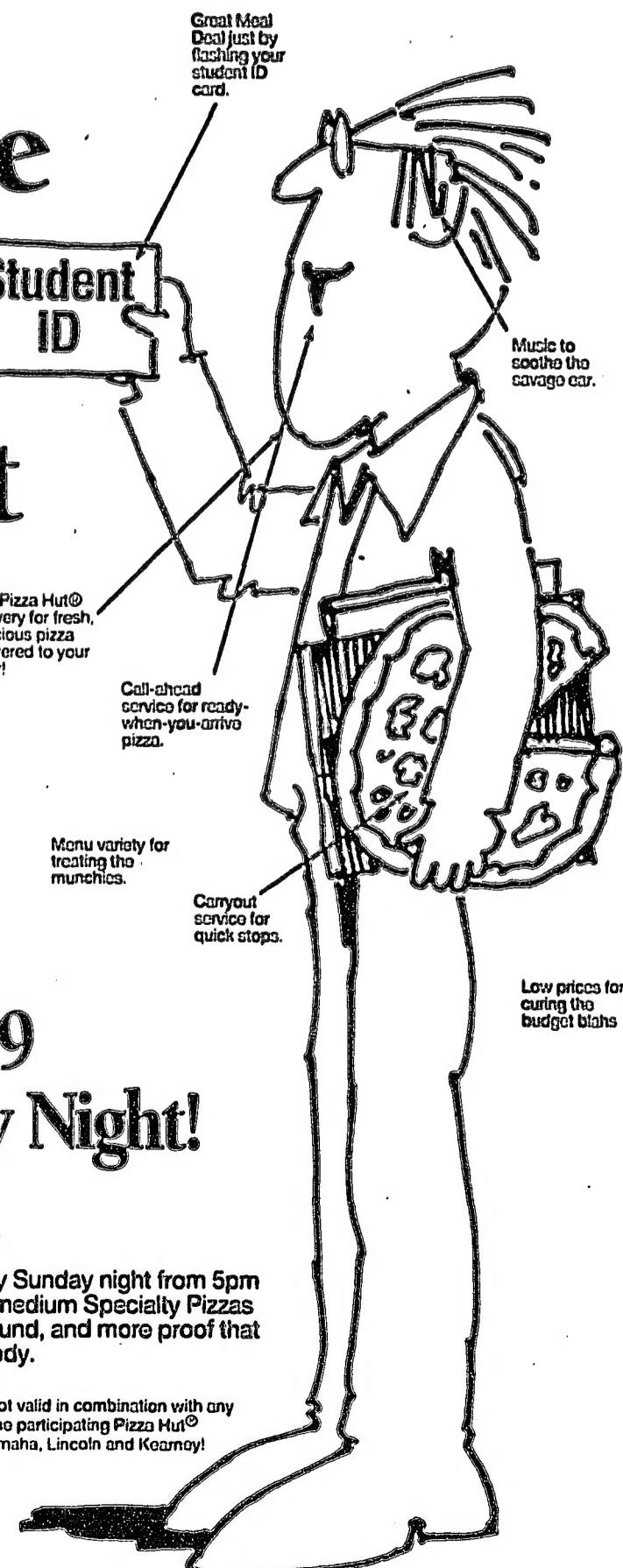
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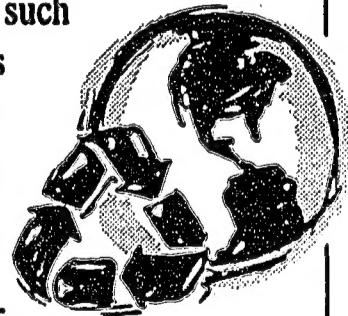
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# ON THE TOWN SPECIAL

## Van Halen rocks Easter crowd at the Civic

Review by Eric Johnson

With a resounding "Hello, baby!" and the whine of a power tool-driven guitar, Van Halen literally hit the stage running at the Easter night concert at the Civic Auditorium. Opening the show with "Poundcake" from its latest release "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge," the band was a bundle of unbridled energy from the word go.

Sammy Hagar was decked in his usual red stage attire and he seemed to really play the role of lead singer. Playing guitar on only four songs, Hagar focused his energy on the crowd and the vocals. He even gave an impromptu fashion show with clothes thrown on stage.

"What are you people gonna' wear home?" he asked the mass of fans up front.

The rest of the band stayed true to form—drummer Alex Van Halen going shirtless with a headband; bassist Michael Anthony in dress shirt, jeans and white shoes; and Eddie Van Halen donning his standard jeans and casual shirt.

Hagar promised early in the show that it was going to be a long night of Van Halen, and he wasn't kidding. With only a half hour spent on breaking down opening band Baby Animal's equipment, the rest of the night belonged to the mainact. With fantastic backing vocals from Anthony and the guitar-playing Van Halen, the band sounded as tight live as it does on CD.

Solos were a big part of the concert, and everyone in the band got a chance to show off. First up was Anthony's bass solo. Chugging quickly from a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey, Anthony took the stage playing a bass resembling a bottle of his favorite beverage. It was a solo full of digital delay, phaser and other effects that filled the auditorium with a deeply eerie sound.

Drummer Alex Van Halen took over, pounding away at his kit like he'd never get to play again. Working up from a snare roll like a jazz drummer, Van Halen sounded like a cross between a dragster and a helicopter.

Hagar got his chance to solo later in the show. Instead of going for a guitar solo, he opted to do an acoustic version of "Give to Live." Trying to get the crowd to use its imagination, Hagar said, "This is what I'd do if you came to my house and sat in my living room."

After finishing a soulful version of the song, Hagar said,



From left to right: Michael Anthony, Alex Van Halen, Sammy Hagar, and Eddie Van Halen, rocked the Civic Auditorium Sunday night.

"That's it. You drank all my beer. You smoked all my pot. Go over to Eddie's house for a while"—at which point, Van Halen began with a mellow jazz and blues composition quickly followed with a barrage of his trademark hammer-on technique. Van Halen finished out his extended guitar solo with "Cathedral" from the album "Diver Down" and slowly led up to "You Really Got Me."

Other old Van Halen songs presented during the evening were "Panama" and "Jump," which was the opening song of the band's encore.

Mainly focusing on new songs, the band got more and more energetic as the night went on. It tore through versions of Hagar classics, "There's Only One Way to Rock" and "I Can't Drive 55." It also laid out a hard-hitting version of "When It's Love."

With bras hanging from the mike stands and Hagar trying on almost every piece of clothing thrown on stage—bras included—the stage seemed like one big playground for the band. Throughout the show, someone was spinning, jumping or running around the stage like a grade school kid. Quite a feat for a band that's been on the road since last August.

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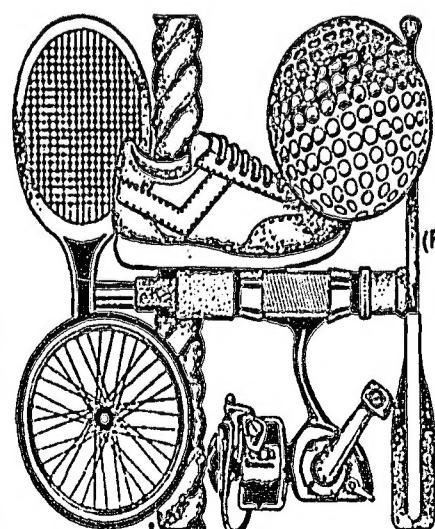
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# SPORTS

## Lady Mav pitchers on top in Topeka

By Daren Schrat

Three up and three down.

The UNO Lady Maverick softball team traveled to Topeka last weekend and defeated three teams by a combined score of 13-2.

The 27-9-1 Lady Mavs, ranked seventh in Division II, played the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), Washburn University and Pittsburg State.

In the Lady Mavs' game against UMKC, the pitching duo of Amy Pick and Jenny Zagurski held UMKC to just one hit. Pick went five innings, striking out four, one walk and yielding a harmless single. Zagurski entered in relief and pitched two no-hit innings to nail down a 5-0 shutout.

The Lady Mavs ran up a total of nine hits. Neely Sader drove in two runs, while Pick scored two to lead UNO.

Against Pittsburg State, Lady Mav pitching picked up where it left off against UMKC. Amy Boyd (14-3) pitched a complete 3-0 shutout, striking out four, no walks with allowing just two hits.

Offensively, the Lady Mavs crashed six hits, all singles. Pick went two-for-three with two RBIs to lead UNO. Lynda Bartsch, Diahann Armstrong and Sheila Donahoe scored the Lady Mavs' runs.

Yori said she was glad Boyd pitched a good game since she had been struggling as of late.

"Amy Boyd has been struggling, that's no

secret, but she pitched a fine game against Pittsburg State," she said.

After pitching a shutout against UMKC, Pick looked to repeat her performance against Washburn. Pick scattered five hits, one was a home run, which resulted in two runs.

Washburn ended 14 scoreless innings of Lady Mav pitching when the squad jumped out 1-0 in the first inning. The Lady Mavs managed to tie the game in the third, but fell behind 2-1 in the fourth inning.

UNO broke the game open in the fifth, when Kim McGinnis doubled and scored on a single by Armstrong to tie the game again. The Lady Mavs loaded the bases for Sader who, in the clutch, brought all the runners home with a double to put UNO up 5-2.

Yori said she is having a difficult time selecting a Player of the Week after Boyd's and Pick's pitching and Sader's offense.

"Sader came up with that double for three runs to break a 2-2 tie; that was a huge hit. She also played great defense and provided great leadership," she said.

The Lady Mavs held on to defeat Washburn 5-2. The Lady Mavs had eight hits, including doubles by Sader, Pick, McGinnis and Nikki Ziele. Armstrong and Pick each went two-for-four with an RBI each.

After being ranked as high as fourth in the nation, the Lady Mavs dropped to seventh because Augustana has a 3-1 win ratio on UNO. Yori said as long as the Lady Mavs remain in the top 10, she will be comfortable.



— Ed Carlson

UNC Lady Mav Amy Boyd (18) tags out a opposing baserunner. The Lady Mavs won their three games in Topeka Saturday to improve their record to 27-9-1.



UNO catcher Tim Meyer, left, guards home plate in baseball action earlier this season. The Mavs will face Southern Division rival South Dakota State Friday at College World Series Park at 1:30 p.m.

## Mavs elude no-hitter and a Coyote sweep

By Daren Schrat

Joe Deutsch felt the no-hitter had lasted long enough.

South Dakota pitcher Troy Van Orten had kept the Mavs in check for four innings, until Deutsch drilled a line drive into left field for a double. The Mavs and Coyotes split a pair of North Central Conference (NCC) baseball games Friday at College World Series Park.

In the first game, the Coyotes capitalized on five UNO errors as they defeated the Mavs 4-2. In the second inning, UNO ace Steve Paup walked Keith White. Mav third baseman Tim Hallett then bobbled a ground ball to put runners on first and second. A single by Matt Mohr loaded the bases.

With two out and two strikes, disaster struck. Mav first baseman Jeff Gordon couldn't hang on to a throw and a run scored.

The Coyotes scored two more runs when a shallow fly ball was misjudged. The Coyotes nearly scored again when Jason Huska singled and Chad Miller was clear for home, but he fell down while rounding third and was put out to end the inning.

All of South Dakota's runs were unearned.

In the fifth, Huska reached first base on an error and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Huska continued his free ride around the bases when he went to third on a wild pitch. A single by Dan Scholten made the score 4-0 Coyotes. The inning ended when Scholten tried to steal home on a passed ball, but Mav catcher Bill Dropinski caught him for the out.

The Mavs were still hitless.

In the bottom of the fifth, the drought ended. A double by Deutsch and an error to allow Hallett to reach first gave the Mavs

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## SPORTS SHORTS

### Football schedule released

UNO Maverick evening football games will begin at 7 p.m. this season, 30 minutes earlier than last year. The opener is set for Sept. 5 against Wayne State. Homecoming will be Oct. 10 against Mankato State.

1992 University of Nebraska at Omaha Football Schedule:  
Sept. 5 Wayne State, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 12 University of Nebraska at Kearney, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 19 at St. Cloud State, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 26 Augustana, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 3 at South Dakota State, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 10 Mankato State (Homecoming), 7 p.m.  
Oct. 17 at Northern Colorado, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 24 at Morningside, 4:30 p.m.  
Oct. 31 North Dakota State, 7 p.m.  
Nov. 7 at North Dakota, 1 p.m.  
Nov. 14 South Dakota, 1 p.m.

### Lady Mavs running strong

The UNO Lady Mav cross-country team turned on the heat at the 44th annual Doane College Relays held Saturday at Crete.

Kim Oster won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.34, and Billie Jo Antisdal finished third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 70.46.

Linda Vondras took second place in the 100 with a dash that took just 12.50 seconds and Oster took sixth with a 13.08 time to highlight a strong Lady Mav showing.

In long distance events, Barb Keefover won third place in the 1,500, running the race in 5:02.24. In the 5,000, Debbie Vojehchoske finished fourth with an effort of 20.33.8.

In team relays, the Lady Mavs finished second in the 4x800-meter relay with an effort of 9:45.34 by Keefover, Janine Raemakers, Dana Oitoson and Mary Ann Wieberg.

The Lady Mavs had three third place results: the sprint medley relay with a time of 1:59.22; the 4x400-meter relay, 4:13.44; and the 4x100-meter relay, 50.73. The sprint medley relay team qualified for the Drake Relays this Friday and Saturday with a time of 1:20.59. Team members are Linda Vondras, Billie Jo Antisdal, Dawn Gumm, and Barb Keefover.

UNO competed against the University Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), Northwest Missouri State University, Doane, Hastings College, Concordia College and Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The Lady Mavs' next meet is Wednesday at UNK.

their first opportunity to score. But, instead, the Mavs stranded two runners to end the inning.

In the sixth, the Mavs finally scored. Jay Maia singled and stole second. The third Mav hit made an impact. Dropinski slammed a Van Orten pitch over the left field fence for his first home run of the season to put the Mavs right back in the game.

Paup (5-2) was relieved in the last inning by Don Karbowski after six and two-thirds innings. Paup scattered eight hits for four unearned runs, walked two and struck out four.

The Mavs tried to come back in the seventh, but the game ended with a double-play.

Van Orten (3-4) went the distance, allowing three hits and one walk while striking out two.

"We just didn't hit enough to deserve to win," UNO Manager Bob Gates said.

Gates said the five errors may have rattled Paup.

"I thought Paup pitched a good game, but he let the errors get to him," he said.

In game two, the Mavs appeared to be on their way to getting swept as starter Cory Ersamer surrendered doubles to the first two batters he faced.

In the bottom of the first, the Mavs tied the game when Main, a .371 hitter, singled and stole second. A grounder by Gordon sent Main to third. He scored when Deutsch hit a deep fly ball.

Ersamer settled down and mowed down the Coyotes in the second and third innings. In the bottom of the third, the Mavs broke the game open when Main singled and stole second base. Gordon walked and Main advanced to third on a passed ball. The Mavs had two runners in scoring position when Gordon stole second base. The Mavs scored when Dropinski reached first on

an error that allowed Main to come home. A single by Tim Meyer brought Gordon home to put the Mavs ahead 3-1.

The flood gates opened when the Mavs added two more runs as Dropinski scored on a single by Hallett and Meyer scored after another Coyote error. Ersamer continued to keep South Dakota in check in the fourth and fifth innings, allowing just a double by Monty Thury.

"We got some breaks in the second game," Gates said.

The Mavs added the final nail in the coffin in the fifth when Deutsch was bunted, stole second and scored when Hallett singled.

Ersamer went the distance in a 6-1 Mav victory to improve to 3-2. He surrendered a scant four hits and struck out three. Three of the Mavs' eight hits were by Hallett, who had two RBIs. Maia, who stole two bases, had two hits, as did Meyer.

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# Lack of big money would 'ice' any Maverick hockey team fantasies

A hockey team at UNO. What a dream. What a waste. I attended a Student Senate meeting Thursday, and the idea of UNO having a Division I hockey team was raised. Nice try, senators, but there are some obstacles in the way of accomplishing your goal.

First, the UNO athletic department has a hard enough time raising money to support what athletics it already has. Why do you think there are activities such as the upcoming Diet Pepsi Women's Walk?

The cost of assembling a hockey team is astronomical. To equip one player can cost nearly \$1,000; and it costs much more to uniform a goalie. Check and see what hockey skates go for per pair. By the way, a \$50 stick will not last an entire season.

Besides, where would the Mavs practice? Where would the games be played? Elmwood is too small and Ak-Sar-Ben is already spoken for by the Lancers and Racers. So, either the fieldhouse would have to be updated to accommodate hockey or

a hockey rink costing millions of dollars would have to be built. Where would we build the rink? And with what funds?

I agree with the senators' point on how Omaha is a hockey town. Omaha loves hockey, but not as much as people in

## THE RIGHT CALL BY DAREN SCHRAT

Minneapolis, Buffalo or Vancouver do. The Lancers provide all the hockey this city can swallow.

Another question is how the Maverick hockey team would compete against the Lancers and all of the other sports teams in Omaha. The current Maverick teams have a hard enough time grabbing a share of the spotlight, considering they have the Creighton Bluejays and Nebraska Cornhuskers to contend with.

A third consideration is that the UNO athletic department must remain balanced. This means there must be an equal amount of men's and women's sports teams. So the question now becomes, "What new women's team will we have and how will we fund it?"

A Lady Mav hockey team? Gymnastics? Swimming? Whatever it will be, senators, keep it cheap — this will compound the cost of having a hockey team.

What will an already tapped-out UNO athletic department have to offer a hockey player who is good enough to play on the college level or has a decent shot at making it in the NHL? A guaranteed parking space?

An increase in funding for the women's athletic department — which has a 1992-93 budget of \$190,965 compared to the men's \$345,673 — and more spending on athletic facilities are more important than adding a hockey team that may not generate enough money to even pay for pucks and referees.

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